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Institute for Physical Research and Technology

The **Institute for Physical Research and Technology** is a federation of 10 research and technology transfer centers that supports economic development through world-class, interdisciplinary research. IPRT is a critical component in the university's efforts to strengthen the economic vitality of the State of Iowa, linking the university research community to Iowa manufacturers and entrepreneurs. IPRT's mission is to

- promote world-class, fundamental and applied interdisciplinary research,
- foster the development of new technologies,
- facilitate technology transfer, and
- provide technical assistance to lowa manufacturers and entrepreneurs.

In addition to the faculty, staff, and students who will lose their livelihoods if IPRT is not funded, **the State loses a critical engine in its economic development efforts.** The following provides examples of IPRT's impact in Iowa and illustrates activity that occurs through IPRT's Special Appropriations funding.

World-class research centers promote economic development—Universities, industries, and entrepreneurs work together to move technology from the researcher's bench to new products that are made and sold by new and existing companies. The State's investment in IPRT fuels the infrastructure for lowa's world-class research facilities at lowa State University that

- bring federal tax dollars back to lowa—In total, the Special Appropriations FY01 \$4.5M investment in IPRT was leveraged to ~\$40M, and already this year \$7.5M in new federal funds were appropriated to IPRT for four new initiatives—initiatives that earlier had been "seeded" by IPRT. In addition, Special Appropriation funds are used to meet critical match requirements on research projects.
- make and keep lowa's businesses world class—Examples include: <u>Virtual Reality Applications Center</u> and <u>Deere & Company</u> collaborated to introduce VR into Deere's product development and design process; <u>Microanalytical Instrumentation Center</u> and <u>Fisher Controls</u> teamed to create a new, automated emission sensor system that is more efficient than the current manual, EPA-mandated system; and the <u>Center for Sustainable Environmental Technologies</u> and <u>Pioneer Hi-bred International</u> built and tested a gasifer that converts waste seed corn to generate process heat.
- spin off high-tech companies that provide high-tech jobs for lowa graduates— Examples are two spin-offs from <u>VRAC</u> technologies: <u>EAI</u>, Ames-250 lowa jobs; \$85M gross, 130 ISU graduates; <u>Mechdyne</u>, Marshalltown—30 lowa jobs, \$9M gross, 12 ISU graduates.

IPRT is lowa manufacturers' gateway to world-class research—Through IPRT's Industrial Outreach Programs, Iowa manufacturers have access to the facilities and expertise of ISU. In the past five years, the three outreach programs have carried out more than 850 technical assistance projects with Iowa companies and entreprenuers. **None of these projects would have occurred without the Special Appropriations funding and the programs will cease if funding is lost**.

IPRT's **Center for Advanced Technology Development (CATD)** is specifically charged to link lowa industry with ISU's technical capabilities.

- CATD works with companies to commercialize new technologies and assist in product and process development and has worked with more than 40 of the companies that have spun off from ISU technologies. Through the Iowa Industrial Incentive Program (IIP), companies are matched with university resources (faculty expertise, facilities, and equipment) in cost-shared research contracts, thus increasing the competitiveness of Iowa firms by finding solutions to technical problems and improving and developing products and processes. In the past 5 years, IIP has initiated more than 170 cost-shared research contracts, leveraging the State's investment 3:1. For example, CombiSep, Inc., Ames, is commercializing ISU analytical technology; Heartland Resource Technologies, Oelwein, is commercializing ISU soy-based adhesive technology; Consumer Safety Technology, Urbandale, is designing a process to produce fuel cells, reducing production costs by 40%; Schafer Systems, Adair, is improving the durability and strength of its floating docks.
- CATD plugs Iowa industry into the SBIR/STTR federal research funding program and since this assistance began in 1996, SBIR research funding to Iowa companies has nearly doubled. Examples: <u>Shivvers Manufacturing</u>, Corydon, two awards—predict energy effects of tempering in corn drying and study feasibility of hot-air preheating conveyor to improve corn-dryer performance; <u>Phytodyne, Inc.</u>, Ames, award to develop ISU plant transformation technology.
- This year CATD was selected by SBA to lead lowa's first FAST Partnership, which seeks to stimulate the growth of high technology, knowledge-based businesses that emerge from research and development activities in lowa. IPRT's Special Appropriations funding provides the infrastructure for CATD to direct this statewide initiative.

Through two programs, lowa manufacturers and entrepreneurs access short-term, no-cost technical assistance at the **lowa Companies Assistance Program (ICAP)** and **lowa Demonstration Laboratory for Nondestructive Evaluation (IDL)**.

- ICAP capitalizes on the materials science strengths of the <u>Ames Laboratory</u>, offering lowal manufacturers assistance with materials analysis, characterization, and testing; materials related manufacturing problems; and synthesis of custom and specialty materials samples. During the past 5 years, ICAP has assisted lowal companies in 500 projects (e.g., evaluate and improve solder joints, exceeding customer requirements at <u>Pipeline Cleaners</u>, Ft. Madison; investigating uses of media scrap at <u>Donaldson Corporation</u>, Cresco; tracking down and introducing a method to fix a failed component, preserving clients' satisfaction at <u>Universal Harvester</u>, Ames).
- IDL draws on the strengths of the <u>Center for Nondestructive Evaluation</u>, offering Iowa manufacturers NDE facilities and expertise in assessing integrity of materials, components, and structures; developing company-specific NDE techniques; and providing on-site training and assistance. During the past 5 years, IDL has assisted Iowa companies in 200 projects (e.g., recommending leak inspection process to improve tanks at <u>Den Hartog Company</u>, Hospers; providing techniques to study overloaded circuit breakers at <u>Square D</u>, Cedar Rapids; assisting in a feasibility study for new product development at <u>Solution Innovations</u>, Blue Grass).

IPRT—Centers and Programs

AMES LABORATORY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT

OF ENERGY—Conducts fundamental and applied research in energy, materials, and chemical sciences

CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

DEVELOPMENT—Links the university's technical expertise, facilities, and resources with the private sector; includes Iowa Industrial Incentive Program

CENTER FOR NONDESTRUCTIVE

EVALUATION—Develops noninvasive methods and instruments for assessing the integrity of structures and materials

CENTER FOR PHYSICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL

MATHEMATICS—Researches high-performance computing via computer-cluster development and parallel-computing strategies

CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL

TECHNOLOGIES—Develops and demonstrates renewable energy, chemical, and environmental technologies

FAA AIRWORTHINESS ASSURANCE CENTER OF

EXCELLENCE—Identifies and provides solutions for national aircraft reliability problems

MATERIALS PREPARATION CENTER—Prepares

specialized high-purity metal compounds for research

MICROANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTATION

CENTER—Develops innovative, small-scale analytical and bioanalytical instrumentation

MICROELECTRONICS RESEARCH CENTER—

Characterizes advanced semiconductor materials, devices, and processing technologies

VIRTUAL REALITY APPLICATIONS CENTER—

Applies virtual reality technology to the challenges of science and engineering

IOWA COMPANIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—

Helps lowa companies with materials-related questions and problems

IOWA DEMONSTRATION LABORATORY FOR NONDESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION—Assists lowar

businesses with nondestructive evaluation techniques and equipment

IPRT Funding

	FY01 Actual	FY02 Projected*	FY03 Estimated**
Sponsored Funding			
Private Industry Project Funds	2,826,000	2,608,700	2.6M
Federal Project Funds			
Dept. of Commerce	258,000	195,800	.2M
Dept. of Defense	739,400	1,566,800	.9M
Dept. of Energy	27,010,800	27,892,700	27.5M
Dept. of Transportation	5,285,500	6,926,800	6.3M
Health and Human Services	359,100	431,200	.4M
NASA	746,900	641,700	.6M
Nat'l Science Foundation	1,337,700	753,200	1.2M
USDA	924,400	963,900	.9M
Various Federal Agencies	1,098,900	1,783,000	1.3M
Total Federal	37,760,700	41,155,100	39.3M
ISU Foundation Funds***	977,900	134,400	.2M
ISU Research Foundation Funds	132,800	109,300	.1M

^{*} First seven month's spending rate projected over twelve months.

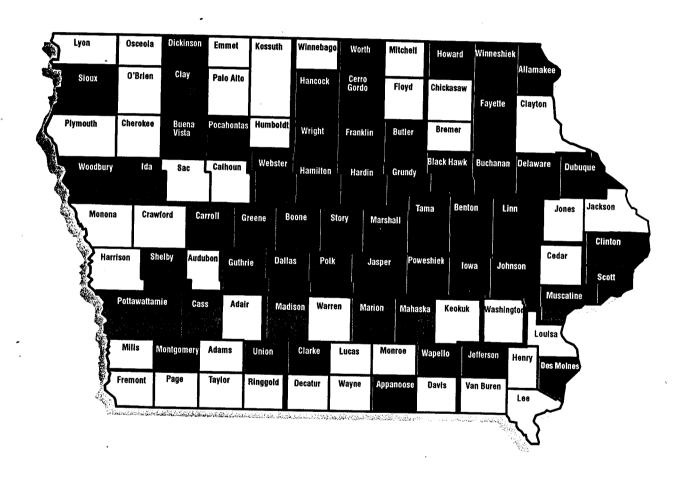
IPRT Economic Development Appropriations	FY01	FY02	
Utilized as Match or Cost Share	Actual	Actual	
AFOSR- DURIP Program Match	-	20,000	
Dept. of Energy- University Coal Program Cost Share	15,000	15,000	
Dept. of Energy- University Coal Program Match	8,722	5,505	
Dept. of Transportation- FAA Center of Excellence Cost Share	294,614	150,135	
Iowa Energy Center- BECON Facility	28,978	31,141	
Keck Foundation- Keck Lab Commitment	53,521	42,770	
National Science Foundation- MRI Program Match	15,000	26,215	
Total	415,835	290,766	

^{**} Funding of competitive sponsored projects is difficult to estimate with certainty.

^{***}Restricted for donor-specified projects. Not available for general use.

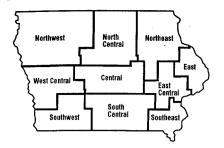
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IPRT WORKS for lowa



Counties with IPRT interactions/assistance in 2001.

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FY01

The Institute for Physical Research and Technology assisted over 190 companies/others in 56 Iowa counties, covering every region of the state. This assistance ranged from initial contact and referral to full research projects. This listing is incomplete as many companies request their contact remain confidential.

NORTHWEST

Alta

Enron Wind Corp.

Hospers

Den Hartog Industries

Ida Grove

Midwest Industries, Inc.

Laurens

Positech

Lawton

Schaeff

Orange City

Van Beek Global

Rock Valley

Valley Machining Co.

Sioux City

All Power, Inc.

City of Sioux City

Kind and Knox Gelatine,

Inc

Sioux Rubber Applicators

Sioux Tools, Inc.

SOSINC

Spencer

Maurer Manufacturing,

Tecton Industries, Inc.

Spirit Lake

Polaris Industries, Inc.

NORTH CENTRAL

Alden

Martin Marietta

Aggregrates, Inc.

Allison

Allan, Inc.

Belmond

Eaton Corp.

Blairsburg

Chamness Technology

Clear Lake

Cole Sewell

Frontier Labs, Inc.

Kingland Systems Corp.

TeamQuest Corp.

Conrad

Green Products Co.

Ritchie Industries, Inc.

Ellsworth

Casual Cuts

Fort Dodge

Iowa National Guard

Iosephson Manufacturing Co.

Moeller Furnace Co.

Garner

Iowa Mold Tooling Co.

Iowa Falls

Paul Zoske

Mason City

Alexander Manufactur-

ing Co.

Bugless Limited

DSC, Inc.

IMI Cornelius

Metalcraft, Inc.

Northwood

Advanced Component

Technologies, Inc.

Radcliffe

Mirenco, Inc.

Sheffield

Creative Solutions

Unlimited, Inc.

Sukup Manufacturing

Shell Rock

Hobson Brothers Mold

& Pattern Works

Webster City

Beam Industries

Frigidaire Co.

Land O' Lakes

Van Diest Supply Co.

NORTHEAST

Cedar Falls

Iowa Metal Spinners, Inc.

Patricia Murphy

Viking Pump, Inc.

Wayne Engineering

Corp.

Cresco

Donaldson Co.

Featherlite Manufactur-

ing, Inc.

Decorah

Bruening Rock Products, City of Ames

Inc.

Dewar

Fence Scape

Earlville

E.I.P. Manufacturing Inc.

Independence

Geater Machining and

Manufacturing

Lansing

Alliant Energy

Oelwein

Heartland Resource

Technologies, Inc.

Transco Railway

Products, Inc.

Postville.

Industrial Laminates/

Norplex, Inc.

Vinton

Frog Legs, Inc.

Waterloo

Deere & Co.

John Deere Product

Engineering Center

Omega Cabinets, LTD

West Union **Dura Automotive Testing**

WEST CENTRAL Adair

Schafer Systems, Inc.

Council Bluffs

Milco

Omaha Standard, Inc.

Harlan

BioMass Agri Products

Insul-8

Jacobs Corp.

Templeton

Paq-cell, Inc.

CENTRAL Ames

3M Corp.

Acumen Instruments

Corp.

Advanced Analytical

Technologies Inc.

BioForce Laboratory

CombiSep, Inc. Delta-Tie, Inc.

ETREMA Products, Inc.

EXSeed Genetics L. L. C.

Gilger Design

Haptic Labs, Inc.

Innovative Materials Testing Technologies,

Inc.

Iowa Energy Center

MASIM, Inc. Micrel

Microlite Technologies

Molecular Express, Inc. MTEC

New Link Genetics

NewMonics

Nitro Ice Cream LLC

Phytodyne, Inc.

Sauer-Danfoss Inc. Sonic Production

Systems LLC Universal Harvester Co.,

Inc.

US Filter Xlinix

Ankeny John Deere Des Moines

Works

Techniplas, Inc. Tone Brothers, Inc.

Boone

Iowa Army National

Guard

Iowa Thin Film

Technologies, Inc. Microlite

Oren Consulting

Services

Quinn Machine &

Foundry Co.

Clive

Iowa Pork Producers

Des Moines Chem-Tech, LTD

Eagle Iron Works EMCO Specialties, Inc.

GeniSus

Hirsch Industries

Iowa Air National Guard Iowa Business Council's

Advanced Manufacturing Research and

Collaboration Consortium

Iowa Interstate Railroad Iowa Pork Producers

Association Kemin Americas

National Pork Producers Council

Natural Resources

Pioneer Hi-Bred

International, Inc.

Grimes

Systems, Inc.

LPR, Inc.

American Athletic, Inc.

Johnston

International

International, Inc.

tional, Inc.

Marshalltown Trowel

MechDyne Corp.

Sorem Manufacturing

Maytag Corp. Perry

Innovative Lighting

Pioneer Hi-Bred `

Iowa Soybean Associa-

Conservation Service. · U.S.

The Waldinger Co. United Machine and

Tool Co.

American Target

Grinnell

Tefferson

Sparboe Companies

Genetic Enterprises

Iowa Department of

Public Defense Pioneer Hi-Bred

Marshalltown

Dow Agrosciences, Inc. Fisher Controls Interna-

Lennox Industries, Inc.

Nevada

Co. Newton

Percival Scientific Roland

Toledo

International, Inc. Urbandale

Iowa Egg Council

tion West Des Moines Crop 1 Insurance Direct, Inc. Iowa Corn Promotion Board

EAST CENTRAL

Amana Amana Appliances Cedar Rapids Alliant Energy Bluestem Solid Waste Agency Cedar River Paper Computing Solutions, Inc. Diamond V Mills Genecor International, PMX Industries, Inc. Rockwell Collins, Inc. Silicon Graphics Inc. Square D Coralville Integrated DNA

Technologies **Iowa City** Candleworks Medical Imaging **Applications** Radix Corp. Torus Precision Optics, Inc.

University of Iowa Lisbon Lloyd Table Co. Muscatine Grain Processing Corp. McKee Button Co. **Nichols**

Reynolds Engineering and Equipment, Inc. North Liberty

Centro, Inc.

Bettendorf

EAST

The Schebler Co. Blue Grass Solution Innovations Clinton Equistar Chemicals Lamson & Sessions Corp. Davenport Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) De Witt

Brazeway, Inc. Dubuque Deere & Co. John Deere Construction Equipment Co. The Adams Co. Eldridge Olsen Engineering, LP Princeton Johnson Manufacturing Co.

SOUTHWEST

Creston Southern Iowa Rural Water Association Griswold

Yellow Jacket Manufacturing

Red Oak

Interwest Services, LTD Red Oak Die Cast

SOUTH CENTRAL

Centerville Chariton Valley Resource Conservation & Development Rathbun Regional Water

Association Eddyville Cargill, Inc.

Osceola

Hormel Foods Corp. Osceola Foods, Inc. Oskaloosa

MUSCO Mobile Lighting Ottumwa

Indian Hills Community College

Meyer Tech, LC Pella

Pella Corp. Vermeer Manufacturing Co.

Winterset Hirsch Systems, L.L.C.

SOUTHEAST

VayTek, Inc.

Burlington Winegard Co. Fairfield Fairfield Industries, Inc.

VayTek, Inc., Fairfield

VayTek Inc., a developer of sophisticated software for three-dimensional image processing, received assistance from IPRT's Center for Advanced Technology Development that helped VayTek accelerate product development. The company's flagship product, VoxBlast, is a general-purpose program used in medical, scientific, industrial, geoscience, surveillance and environmental laboratories. It has gained widespread market acceptance for its ease of use and low cost.

When the company needed to upgrade VoxBlast it did so more quickly thanks to assistance from IPRT's Center for Advanced Technology Development and researchers at University of Iowa's ITS Research Technologies. "It probably would have taken us another year if we hadn't had help from CATD," said John Kesterson, VayTek president.

The new version has improved two-dimensional capabilities and the ability to generate data for use with other programs. It also takes full advantage of the latest versions of the Windows operating system for interactivity and ease of use. "We've always been able to maintain a cutting edge in our products," said Kesterson. The reasons, he explains, are its close work with the University of Iowa and by tapping services provided by CATD.

This project demonstrates how IPRT can collaborate with researchers and companies throughout Iowa, according to Mark Laurenzo, CATD director. "Even though we're part of IPRT and Iowa State University, we can and do work with researchers throughout the state," he said. "We go wherever we need to find the expertise. In this case, the University of Iowa clearly had the knowledge and expertise."

Wayne Engineering Corp., Cedar Falls

Wayne Engineering Corp., a leading manufacturer of garbage trucks, came to IPRT to better understand a problem with a weld and ended up with much more. Scientists from IPRT's Iowa Companies Assistance Program, along with welding experts from IPRT's Ames Laboratory, helped the company improve its welding processes. "We were able to use the information to improve all of our product range. New work instructions and practices have been issued across the whole of the company," said Jim Marks, product engineering manager.

The weld was in a critical component of a garbage truck manufactured by the company. ICAP scientists began their research with sample weldments from Wayne. An examination showed that the weld metal had not penetrated the base metal. Based on these findings, ICAP scientists consulted with welding experts from Ames Laboratory to make recommendations for creating better welds. The team reported to Wayne that problems of cold welds and lack of penetration could be corrected by

running welding equipment at hotter settings. Welders should also avoid starting and stopping the weld in critical stress areas, allowing heat to build up in the base metal to provide better penetration of the weld. "We learned how to correctly construct fabrications for strength and ease of productivity," Marks said.

Olsen Engineering, L. P., Eldridge

IPRT's Iowa Demonstration Laboratory was a key player when Olsen Engineering, L.P. took proactive steps to improve its inspection process and procedures. Mark Dawson, plant manager, said that without IDL's help to correct some deficiencies, Olsen could have incurred a quality problem costing more than \$250,000. The company, which fabricates heat-treated pins and bushings used by agricultural equipment manufacturers, had requested a critical review of their inspection process after attending a seminar conducted by IDL.

IDL scientist Rick Lopez visited the plant and observed the operators as they performed the magnetic particle inspections. He gave hands-on demonstrations on how to better perform the inspection process using existing equipment and some affordable new devices, educated them on proper system management, and provided a customized document with references and guidelines for performing the inspections. "The consultation IDL provided helped us upgrade our processes to a level that allows Olsen Engineering L. P. to remain competitive," Dawson said.

Hawkeye Molding Engineers Inc., Albia

IPRT's Iowa Companies Assistance Program and Center for Advanced Technology Development teamed with an Iowa State University research group to help Hawkeye Molding Engineers Inc. test an unusual new material for plastic injection molding. The material is a blend of switchgrass fiber and virgin resin. For the company, the use of such material could reduce resin costs and lower operating costs. The use of switchgrass for such applications may also provide new markets for growers.

The company reports using the switchgrass blend significantly reduced part-making cycle time. The research also compared the physical properties of the switchgrass blend to traditional plastics material as well as the shrinkage of parts made with the two materials. "The results look fairly promising," said Bill Morrow, the company's production and engineering manager.

The study was conducted by ISU's Biocomposite Group, a team within the Center for Crops Utilization Research committed to finding value-added uses for regional agricultural products. With IPRT's assistance, this group is also working with a southern Iowa organization called Prairie

Lands Bio-Products to grow and process switchgrass for new uses such an injection molding.

Consumer Safety Technology, Clive

Consumer Safety Technology, Inc. approached IPRT's Center for Advanced Technology Development looking for assistance in improving fuel cells used in the company's Intoxalock product, a breath-alcohol ignition interlock device. The company came away with a better product that is cheaper to make. "It's been a successful operation," said Kevin Doyle, CST president.

CST's Intoxalock is designed to prevent an individual from operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. It's connected directly to the electrical system of the vehicle. If the breath alcohol of the driver is above a preset limit, the vehicle will not start. A critical component in this device is a fuel cell, which serves as a sensor to measure alcohol content. In the past, CST bought fuel cells from a supplier, but their failure rate approached 90 percent. So CST decided to make its own fuel cells but needed help developing a "recipe" for manufacturing the complex devices.

CATD and CST turned to Johna Leddy, a fuel cell expert at the University of Iowa. A project was established with cost-sharing funds provided by CATD. The team designed a device that works better and is more efficient. In addition, the cost of the cells is 50 percent less than commercial versions, according to Doyle.

Abrahams Parts & Machine Service, Inc., Davenport

Abrahams Parts & Machine Service, Inc. rebuilds and reconditions all types of gas and diesel engine components and industrial products. After hearing about many types of testing at a nondestructive evaluation seminar, Sidney Greenswag, Abrahams' president, contacted IPRT's Iowa Demonstration Laboratory. He requested an evaluation of the method, process and equipment they use for magnetic particle inspection which is performed on many of the components they work on — gears, crankshafts, connecting rods, blocks and valves.

In his observations at the facility, Rick Lopez, IDL scientist, noted the conscientiousness of the machinists in performing the inspections. He demonstrated some techniques and provided information on equipment that would further enhance the accuracy of the inspections. Greenswag said, "It was very beneficial to the quality of our procedures. We learned about test procedures that we were not familiar with and learned about the new products and services that are available."

IPRT FY01 Funds

State of Iowa Special Purpose Funds Center and Commercialization Project Sup	3,742,000	4.5 M	
Faculty and Graduate Assistant Salaries Professional & Scientific Salaries General Services Salaries Hourly Wages Materials, Supplies, & Services Equipment	720,700 1,219,400 371,400 91,900 863,000 475,600		
Industrial Outreach Program Support	732,100		
Iowa Industrial Incentive Program (IIIP) Iowa Demonstration Laboratory for NDE Iowa Companies Assistance Program (ICA	'		
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Faculty and Graduate Assistant Salaries Professional & Scientific Salaries General Services Salaries	79,300 49,000	138,900	113,200
Hourly Wages	27,700	10,900	
Materials, Supplies, & Services	140,200	56,400	106,700
Equipment	<u>9,800</u>	-	
Subtotal	306,000	206,200	219,900
Iowa State University Allocation (Salaries, Materials and Supplies, Equipm	ent)	and the second of the second o	2.1 M
Private Industry Project Funds			2.8 M
Federal Project Funds			37.8 M
Department of Commerce 258	,000		
	,400		
Department of Energy 27,010	,800		
Department of Transportation 5,285	,500		
	,100		
	,900		
National Science Foundation 1,337			
	,400		
Various Federal Agencies 1,098	5,900		
TOTAL			47.2 M

IPRT was established in 1987 to pursue research and technology development in the physical and engineering sciences that lead to economic development with industrial involvement. This is accomplished through a variety of research, outreach and education activities and programs at the IPRT centers, linking the university research community to industry and government.

Iowa Industrial Incentive Program Leverages State Investment —

During IIIP's nine years, IPRT has leveraged every State of Iowa dollar in this program to an average research value of \$4.10. The following table summarizes all program investments.

Year	Number of Projects ¹	IIIP Funds*2	Industry Funds*	University & Other Funds*	IMEP*3	Totals*
2001	34	329.5	691.6	604.0	N/A	1,625.1
2000	36	426.9	887.8	522.3	N/A	1,836.9
1993 ⁴	10	282.5	500.6	136.8	N/A	920.0
1993–2001	225	3,001.1	4,865.0	3,762.0	683.0	12,311.5
9-Year Aver	age 28	333.5	540.6	416.0	N/A	1,367.9

^{*} Dollars in thousands

- 1. At any given point during a year, staff from IPRT's Center for Advanced Technology Development will have 25–30 projects under development. CATD's tech transfer associates work with Iowa industry to define research needs and match those needs with university resources. The reported number reflects the number of discussions that ended in contract research agreements with Iowa industry and businesses. Discussions that do not end in research contracts are often referred to IPRT's other industrial outreach programs Iowa Companies Assistance Program and the Iowa Demonstration Laboratory for Nondestructive Evaluation for short-term, no-cost technical assistance.
- 2. The figure in this column reflects the allowance of carryover funds for one fiscal year.
- 3. The Iowa Manufacturing Extension Partnership is a U.S. Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology program with more that 70 programs across the nation. From 1994 through 1996, IMEP directed funds into IIIP industrial research projects, but since 1998, IMEP has not funded these projects.
- 4. Initiating year, shown for reference.

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